



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Conduct a Public Hearing to consider and approve community input and proposals and adopt a Resolution for uses of the City's 2005/06 Federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program Funds and the reallocation of available funds from previous program years

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2005

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council conduct a public hearing to consider and approve potential uses of Federal funds received through the CDBG and HOME Programs for the 2005/06 fiscal year and the reallocation of available unobligated funds from previous years.

Staff is recommending that the Council approve funding allocation amounts dependent upon the results of the public hearing. A summary of the applications and funding requests, and staff recommendations are attached as exhibits to this communication.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City will be receiving \$795,370 in CDBG funds and \$280,360 in HOME funds from the Federal government for the coming fiscal year. A total of 17 applications for CDBG/HOME funding, totaling \$1,612,747 were received and forwarded for consideration.

The CDBG funds can be used for a wide range of community development projects as long as they meet one of the National Objectives. Those objectives are: 1) To address the needs of low to moderate income persons; 2) To eliminate slum or blighted conditions; and, 3) To resolve an urgent need. Proposed projects or services must meet the following Local Objectives: 1) Meet readiness criteria by being ready and capable of using most if not all of the funds within the program year; and, 2) Priority is given to capital improvement project requests over public service related requests for funding.

The HOME funds are reserved for housing and housing related activities such as rehabilitation and new construction. Activities undertaken with HOME funds also must meet the needs of low to moderate income persons. While there were no outside funding requests for HOME funds, there were two requests for CDBG funds that will be better suited for the HOME Program funds.

Community Development Department staff has also been reviewing any unused CDBG and HOME funds for reallocation with the intent of supplementing the 2005/06 funding and reduce the balance of unused funds. At this time, we have identified a total of \$283,428 of available funds that need to be reallocated and used as soon as possible. Therefore, those funding requests that have an ability to encumber and use those funds immediately, will be considered for funding through this reallocation.

APPROVED:

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Blair King, City Manager


Community Development staff has met with representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Public Works Department, the Finance Department and the City Manager's Office, to discuss the aforementioned funding requests. A listing of those funding requests and their determination of eligibility and recommendations for funding are attached as Exhibit A.

As a point of historical reference, a listing of the CDBG and HOME funding allocation amounts, and the total requested funding for each of the past 5 years, is provided in the following table:

Year	CDBG	HOME	REQUESTS
<i>Current</i>	\$795,370	\$280,360	\$1,612,747
2004/05	\$836,133	\$292,556	\$1,829,509
2003/04	\$843,222	\$245,891	\$1,629,263
2002/03	\$745,437	\$240,208	\$1,194,738
2001/02	\$766,922	\$241,495	\$1,048,707
2000/01	\$734,293	\$216,671	\$916,338

FUNDING:


James R. Krueger, Finance Director


Konradt Bartlam
Community Development Director

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Attachments

CITY OF LODI
2005106 CDBG-HOME PROGRAM - FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Applicant/Project/Service Description	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended (Project/Service)	Comments
City of Lodi Public Works Department Handicapped Ramp Project within Target Area.	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00 (Project)	Eligible within Target Area and locations adjacent to public facilities.
LOEL Center 8 Gardens Balance of buy-down for acquisition of 301 E oak Street for senior housing apartment units.	\$128,319.00	\$0.00 (Project)	Reallocating funds for this request to their 04105 allocation to complete the acquisition.
LOEL Center 8 Gardens Acquisition of 303 E Oak Street for senior housing apartment units.	\$440,000.00	\$61,500.00 (Project)	Recommend Splitting over next two program years and Supplementing with reallocation this year (See Reallocation Detail)
Second Harvest Food Bank Expand Food Assistance, Senior Blown Bag & Food 4 Thought Programs in Lodi.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 (Service)	Recipient has demonstrated increase in services each year without increase in requested allocations
Emergency Food Bank/Stockton On-site improvements to include 4000 sq' warehouse addition, renovation of existing nutrition education center and addition of an enlarged covered truck/receiving and sorting area.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00 (Project)	Does not meet readiness criteria. Capital campaign still needs \$245,570 (38% of project total). Should consider mid-year reallocation once Capital Campaign is completed.
Sunhouse Operating costs for Transitional Life Skills Counseling Program.	\$18,878.00	\$0.00 (Service)	Not a new service and no projected increase in existing service, and therefore not eligible
Lodi Cat Connection Operation of a Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release Program for cats and dogs.	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00 (Service)	Determined to be eligible as a Public Health Service if implemented within the Target Area only.
City of Lodi Parks & Recreation Van Buskirk Park Poured-in-place Playground Surfacing Project	\$65,250.00	\$65,250.00 (Project)	Eligible activity at a neighborhood facility within the Target Area
City of Lodi Parks & Recreation Fair Park - Tot Lot Playground Improvements	\$120,000.00	\$100,000.00 (Project)	Eligible activity at a neighborhood facility within the Target Area Recommending that the balance of the request can be made up from future reallocations
Senior Service Agency of SJC Operational costs for Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining Program in Lodi.	\$11,930.00	\$0.00 (Service)	Requested funding is to sustain existing program with no increase in services and is therefore not eligible.
Salvation Army Purchase of a new 16' box truck to allow expansion of Food Bank services	\$55,000.00	\$0.00 (Project)	Due to the fact that funds for the acquisition of this vehicle would be distributed based upon the depreciation of the vehicle over a 15 year period, we recommend allocating program income to fund this rather than tie up current funding for that length of time (See Reallocation Detail)
Salvation Army Phase I - Reimburse for site acquisition of 600 N. Sacramento Street (\$100,000) Phase II - Improvements to include off-street parking, loading dock, and ramp for ADA (\$96,000)	\$196,000.00	\$196,000.00 (Project)	Both activities are eligible. Reimbursement for site acquisition will utilize funds as soon as they are available. Site improvements are calendared for Fall 05/Spring 06.
Community Partnership for Families Design and working drawings for construction of a new Family Resource Center adjacent to the Boy's & Girl's Club at Blakley Park.	\$70,000.00	\$0.00 (Project)	Premature to allocate additional funding for final working drawings and plans if they have not yet obtained authorization from City to proceed with the Project
One-Eighty Teen Center Leasehold issues, roof Teen Center facility and construction of a masonry Wall around perimeter of parking lot	\$62,400.00	\$0.00 (Project)	Leasehold issues aside, only 39% of the project costs will be eligible based upon the overall usage of the facility by this organization and other faith-based uses by other organizations. Applicant does not have the balance of funding at this time to complete the project
Lodi Boys & Girls Club Repairs to existing building, new sign.	\$22,350.00	\$0.00 (Project)	Repair and maintenance costs are not eligible. No breakdown of costs associated with requested funds provided in application.
Fair Housing Fair Housing services to low income residents.	\$26,620.00	\$26,620.00 (Admin)	Required fair-share costs for Fair Housing services
Program Administration Costs related to administration of the CDBG/HOME Program	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00 (Admin)	Total includes \$67,000 in personnel costs and \$3,000 in other related admin costs including marketing and promotion of Housing Assistance Programs.
Total Funding Requested	\$1,612,747.00		
Recommended 05/06 Allocations		6795,37000	

<u>HOME Program Funding Allocation</u>	280,360.00
City of Lodi Housing Assistance Programs	
Down Payment Assistance Loan Program	280,360.00

Reallocation Detail

<u>Sources of Reallocated Funds</u>		
96-05	Eastside Alley Lighting	\$5,000.00
96-08	Habitat for Humanity	\$17,568.20 (Program Income)
97-02	Eastside Historical Survey	\$876.00 (Program Income)
97-09	Archway Shelter	\$4,672.53 (Program Income)
97-11	Eastside Alley Lighting	\$5,500.00
98-01	Eastside Park Improvements	\$35,000.00
98-02	Eastside Park Disability Access	\$18,528.06
99-03	LOEL Sr Center Renovation	\$32,458.20
99-13	Administration	\$10,000.00 program Income)
00-07	LOEL Senior Center Sidewalk	\$39,290.65
00-08	Salv Army Center of Hope	\$43,790.00 (Program income)
00-12	LOEL Senior Center Programs	\$10,000.00
02-10	Administration	\$18,757.99
03-10	Administration	\$41,091.00
03-16	Lodi House Playground	\$895.34
Total Available for Reallocation		\$283,427.97
<u>Distribution of Reallocated Funds</u>		
LOEL Center & Gardens (04-10)		\$128,319.00
Buy-down of 301 E. Oak Street		
LOEL Center & Gardens		
Acquisition of 303 E. Oak Street for senior housing apartment units		\$100,109.00
Salvation Army		
Purchase of a new 16' box truck to allow expansion of Food Bank services.		\$55,000.00
Total Distribution of Reallocation		\$283,428.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2005-06 FEDERAL ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS, AND FURTHER REALLOCATING AVAILABLE UNOBLIGATED FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEARS

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has determined that the City of Lodi, California, is entitled to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funding as a participating city through the County of San Joaquin and Urban County, for fiscal year 2005-06 Federal allocation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lodi has been made aware of the amount of the CDBG and HOME funds available for the 2005-06 Federal allocation of fiscal program year being approximately \$795,370 and \$280,360, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi has held, with proper notification, a public hearing at the City Council meeting held March 2, 2005, to receive comments and proposals from the public regarding the projected use of CDBG and HOME funds, and provided the public with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for community development activities, the range of eligible activities, and other important requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi, California, has received public input regarding the proposed use of CDBG and HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lodi has been made aware of the need to reallocate unused CDBG and HOME funds from previous years to facilitate the expedited use of those funds; and

WHEREAS, staff therefore recommends the reallocation of \$283,427.97 of unused available CDBG and HOME funds from previous program years to supplement the 2005-06 funding and reduce the balance of unused funds, as shown as follows:

Sources of Reallocated Funds

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Salvation Army

Purchase of a new 16' box truck to allow expansion of FoodBank services	\$55,000.00
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Total Distribution of Reallocation	\$283,428.00
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WHEREAS, staff therefore recommends the allocation of 2005-06 CDBG and HOME funds to projects as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the recommended 2005-06 Federal allocations of CDBG funds to the projects recommended by staff in the amount of \$795,370, as shown as follows:

(1)	City of Lodi Public Works Department Handicapped Ramp Project	\$250,000
(2)	LOEL Center & Gardens Acquisition of 303 E. Oak Street for senior housing apartment units	\$ 61,500
(3)	Lodi Cat Connection Operation of Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate Program for cats and dogs within target area	\$ 16,000
(4)	City of Lodi Parks & Recreation Van Buskirk Park Poured in place playground surfacing	\$ 65,250
(5)	City of Lodi Parks & Recreation Hale Park - tot lot playground	\$100,000
(6)	Salvation Army Phase 1 - site acquisition 600 N. Sacramento Phase 2 - improvements to include off-street parking, loading dock, and ADA ramp	\$196,000
(7)	Fair Housing Fair Housing services to low-income residents	\$ 26,620
(8)	Program Administration Costs related to administration of CDBG/HOME Program	\$ 70,000
Total Distribution of 2005-06 CDBG Allocation		\$795,370

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the recommended 2005-06 Federal allocations of HOME funds to the projects recommended by staff in the amount of \$280,360, as shown as follows:

(1)	City of Lodi Housing Assistance Programs Down Payment Assistance Loan Program	\$280,360
Total Distribution of 2005-06 HOME Allocation		\$280,360

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the reallocation of \$283,427.97 of unused available CDBG and HOME funds from previous program years to supplement the 2005-06 funding and reduce the balance of unused funds to the following programs:

(1)	LOEL Center & Gardens (04-10) Buy-down of 301 E. Oak Street	\$128,319
(2)	LOEL Center & Gardens Acquisition of 303 E. Oak Street for senior housing apartment units	\$100,109
(3)	Salvation Army - Purchase of a new 16' box truck to allow expansion of Food Bank services	\$ 55,000
Total Distribution of Reallocation		\$203,428

Dated: March 2, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-43 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 2, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, and Mounce

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Mayor **Beckman**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

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SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk

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County of **San** Joaquin

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid: I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the **Lodi** News-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily except Sundays and holidays, in the City of Lodi, California, **County** of **San** Joaquin and which newspaper had been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior **Court**, Department 3, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of May 26th, 1953. Case Number 65990; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (**set** in type not smaller than non-pareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereto on the following dates to-wit:

February 19th

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I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Lodi, California, this 19th day of February, 2005

Signature

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Notice of Public Hearing
City of Lodi, March 2nd, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, to consider and approve the following matter:

a) Community input and proposals for uses of the City's 2005-06 Federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funds and the reallocation of available funds from previous program years.

Information regarding this item may be obtained in the office of the Community Development Department, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, California. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 221 West Pine Street, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

By Order of the Lodi City Council
Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

Dated: February 16, 2005

Approved as to form:
D. Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney
February 19, 2005

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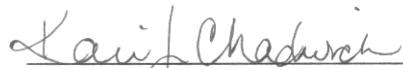
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CITY OF LODI
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By Order of the Lodi City Council:

Susan J. Blackston

City Clerk

Dated: February 16, 2005

Approved as to form:

D. Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney



DECLARATION OF POSTING

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 2, 2005, TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE COMMUNITY INPUT AND PROPOSALS FOR USES OF THE CITY'S 2005/06 FEDERAL ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS AND THE REALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEARS

On Friday, February 18, 2005, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, a copy of a Notice of Public Hearing to consider and approve community input and proposals for uses of the City's 2005/06 Federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funds and the reallocation of available funds from previous program years, (attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"), was posted at the following four locations:

Lodi Public Library
Lodi City Clerks Office
Lodi City Hall Lobby
Lodi Carnegie Forum


I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18, 2005, at Lodi, California

ORDERED BY:

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
CITY CLERK

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On February 18, 2005, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, I deposited in the United States mail, envelopes with first-class postage prepaid thereon, containing a notice to set public hearing for March 2, 2005, to consider and approve community input and proposals for uses of the City's 2005/06 Federal allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funds and the reallocation of available funds from previous program years, marked Exhibit "A"; said envelopes were addressed as is more particularly shown on Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

There is a regular daily communication by mail between the City of Lodi, California, and the places to which said envelopes were addressed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18, 2005, at Lodi, California.

ORDERED BY:

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CITY CLERK, CITY OF LODI**

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Lodi, CA 95242***



filed 3-2-05
Tin Vial

January 11, 2005

Mayor John Beckman and Council Members
City of Lodi, City Hall
PO Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

RE: Emergency Food Bank's CDBG grant application for new warehouse and expansion/remodeling of nutrition education center and on-site pantry

Dear Mayor Beckman and Council members,

I write on behalf of the Emergency Food Bank's (EFB) board of directors to the City of Stockton for a Community Development Block Grant for the construction of a new warehouse for food storage and distribution and the remodeling and expansion of its aged nutrition education center and on-site food pantry.

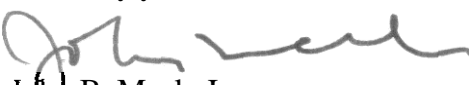
Our board has been working on this project for several years, and is pleased with this application to submit a professional Facilities Study just completed by WMB Architects in Stockton. This plan includes a new warehouse and the remodeling/reworking of existing nutritional education facilities, on-site pantry and administrative offices as well as the receiving lot expansion and a roof structure for sorting of food out of the elements. The new warehouse would allow far greater food and nutrition storage and variety, while the expanded nutrition center offers new service to thousands.

From our viewpoint an expansion of the Emergency Food Bank is urgently needed. When the EFB adds new warehouse space and enhanced nutrition education our organization would gain major benefits. Those benefits to the community include:

- Additional food and nutrition supplies for our clients, leading to approximately **750,000** additional nutritional meals each year for our clients,
- Enhanced nutrition education for our clients, with a target audience of 1,000 new families offered enlightened nutrition and cooking insights at our education center,
- Enhanced food and nutrition supplies to our **40+** partner non-profit agencies, many of whom rely on the EFB for the majority of the food they serve,
- Far greater food and nutrition service to the citizens of San Joaquin County, which already number over 110,000 EFB clients annually and grow each year

We ask your support for this CDBG application and trust you will find it of the highest value to the neediest citizens of our community!

Sincerely yours,


John B. Meek, Jr.
Board Chair